useless lands adjoining an area have to be acquired, thus necessitating the burden of a larger upset price in addition to the assessment on such useless lands.

2. Moreover the reduction will facilitate the registry of such lands separately in the village accounts in the names of persons to whom the lands might be transferred by sale, gift, etc. The difficulty of holding the khatedar responsible for Government dues by others, will also disappear. Hence the minimum area for coffee cultivation may be reduced from fifteen to five acres as in the case of cardamoms.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be reduced except in rare cases where an extent of fifteen acres fit for coffee is not available in one place. In such cases the available extent will be given.

SUBJECT NO. 127.

Opening of model farms.

Mr. Kigga Chennakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As it rains heavily in the Malnad, the raiyats will have to cultivate only paddy and areca. It is therefore requested that model farms may be opened at an early date, in suitable localities and all the different crops grown there with a view to instruct the raiyats in the matter. The preparation and use of the different kinds of manure may also be taught to the raiyats as also the use of improved kinds of ploughs, which is all important to Agriculture.

Reply of Government.—This is a good suggestion to be adopted when funds are forthcoming.

SUBJECT NO. 128.

Providing engines, etc., at the cost of Government for the benefit of raiyats.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to give facilities to the Agriculturist in the Malnad, engines, etc., required for irrigation purposes may be supplied at Government cost and agriculture encouraged.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga has been asked if an oil engine cannot be used in his district.

SUBJECT NO. 129.

Introduction of ploughs and other machinery of improved patterns.

Messrs. Patnagere Ranganna of Kadur Taluk and Balavanta Rao.

Summary of discussion.—In the monthly journal called "Prabuddha Bharata" an article is published to say that there is invented in Calcutta a ploughing machine which can be handled by two men and which in less time turns out three times the work of an ordinary plough, without the help of bullocks. A machine may be indented for. If found useful, such improved implements may be caused to be widely known and a few supplied to all the taluk headquarters.

Reply of Government.—People should take the initiative in such matters. The Government, as stated last year, are quite prepared to help them. The suggestion about the